

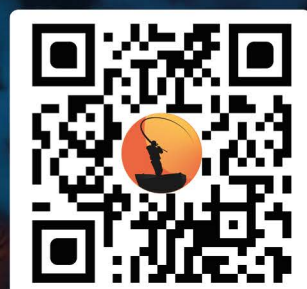
# ONCE UPON A TIME

NEAR UKRAINSK

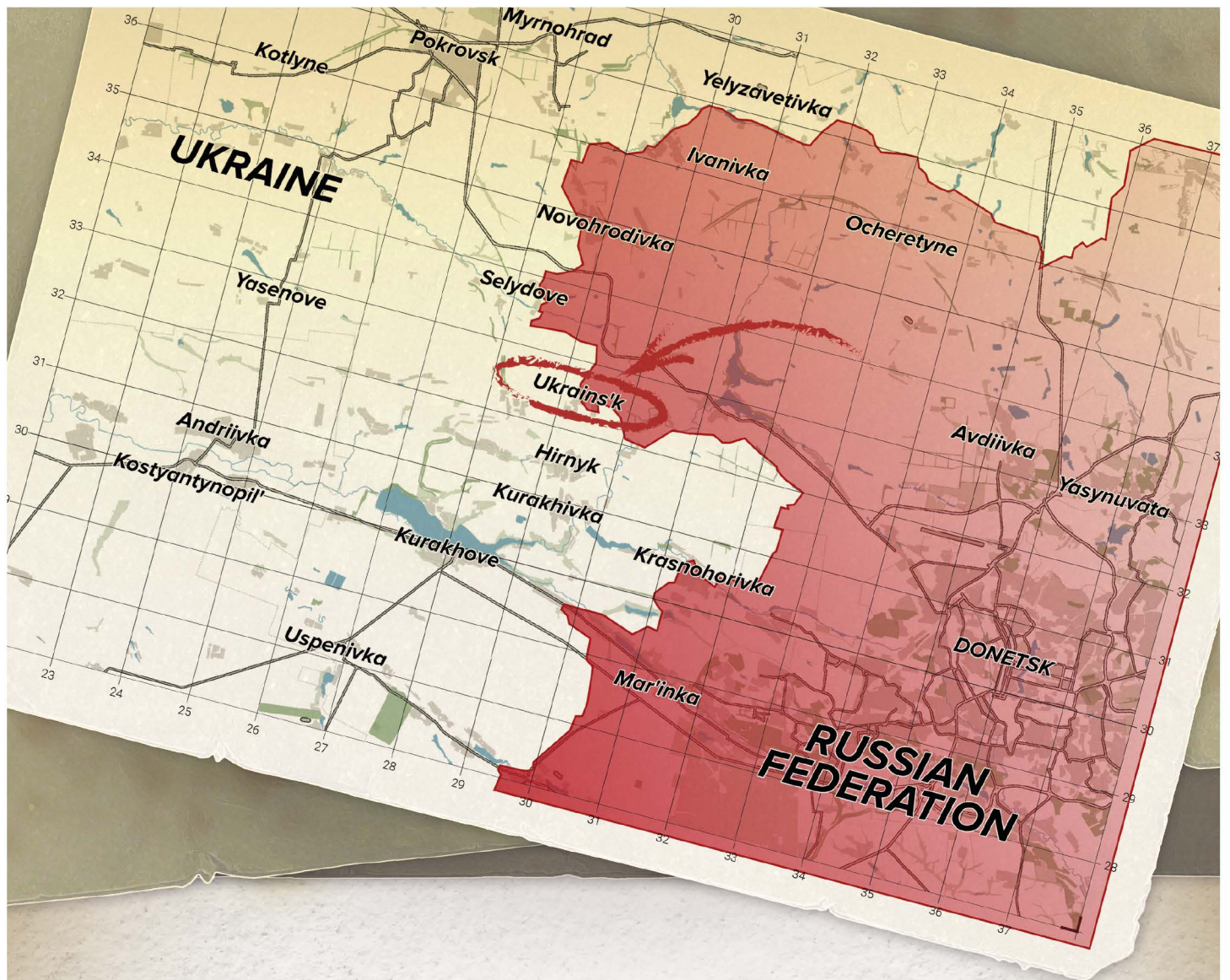
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**Excerpt  
from the situation report**

**Fierce battles continue on the fronts of the Special Military Operation for the complete liberation of cities and villages in Russia's new regions. In an attempt to stop the advance of the Russian army, the AFU do not hesitate to use experimental weapons.**

**Causing even greater damage to what should be their own land does not concern the Ukrainian forces — as long as it works against the Russian Armed Forces, nothing else matters. Thus, Ukrainian troops constantly search for and test new deadly combinations of munitions.**

**This was the case with the "Dragon"— drone equipped with a thermite warhead. But it must be remembered: for every "Dragon," there is a Russian warrior destined not only to strike down the deadly creature but also to deal with its master...**

СОБЕРИТЕ  
СЕКРЕТНО



NOT FAR FROM UKRAINSK



**Our guys are  
stationed nearby – just  
a little more effort, and  
we'll be there soon...**



**Let's go!  
I'd rather not get  
soaked to the bone for  
the second time  
today.**





**We'll make it!**

**You said  
that the first  
time too...**

**I'm not  
even sure my uniform  
is fully dry yet.**

**And your  
camouflage suit  
squelches like a swamp!  
Haven't bred frogs  
in there yet?**



**Where did  
you even get that wet?  
I'm almost dry!**







**Welcome, scouts!**  
**We've got food and**  
**warmth for you!**









**We've set up  
a special feast today  
for a reason!**

**Andrey,  
you want to  
tell them?**

**I just got  
word from headquarters —  
my wife Olya called. We're  
having a baby!**

**Good job, Andrey!**

**Congratulations!**





MEANWHILE,  
IN THE APU DUGOUT

Do you think  
it will work?

I sure hope so...

Otherwise,  
the command will tear my  
head off for wasting so much  
time and equipment.

**\*WHIRR\***



ABOVE THE RUSSIAN POSITIONS

**\*WHIRR\***

**Incoming drone!!**

**\*MHOOSH\***



**\*WHIRR\***







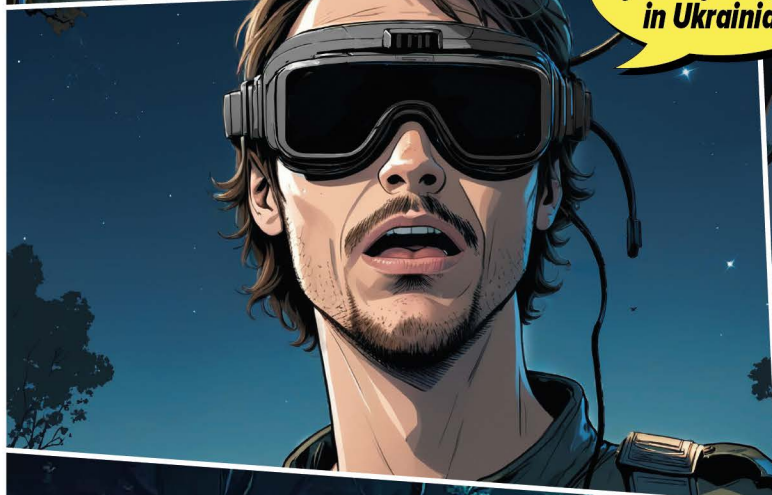
**Look at those  
Russians scrambling!**

**So,  
I've created  
the first...**

**How do  
you say 'dragon'  
in Ukrainian?**

**\*?!\***

**\*?\***



**Drakin'?**

**Ah, whatever!  
I've created the first  
drone-dragon!**





RUSSIAN POSITIONS

**\*BOOM\***

**\*BOOM\***







**Fall back to reserve positions! Evacuate the wounded!**

**I've never seen anything like this before...**

**If that damn thing shows itself again...**



**Guys!  
Andrey is still in the dugout!  
I can't get him out — there's  
fire everywhere!**



**You, being the driest one, stay here and try to take that drone down.**

**The rest of us, since we're already wet, will try to pull Andrey out!**









**Hold on,  
Andrey!**

**He's badly hit!  
But he'll live!**





**\*WHIRR\***

**\*RATATAT\***

**\*BOOM\***





***That bastard!  
Well, no matter, I'll make  
more of these! I'll burn  
them all!***

***I'll report back,  
get funding, and buy  
everything needed for an  
entire army of dragons!***



NEXT MORNING







**That drone  
made the guy's happy  
day... not to mention  
everything else.**

**Good thing  
Andrey survived...**



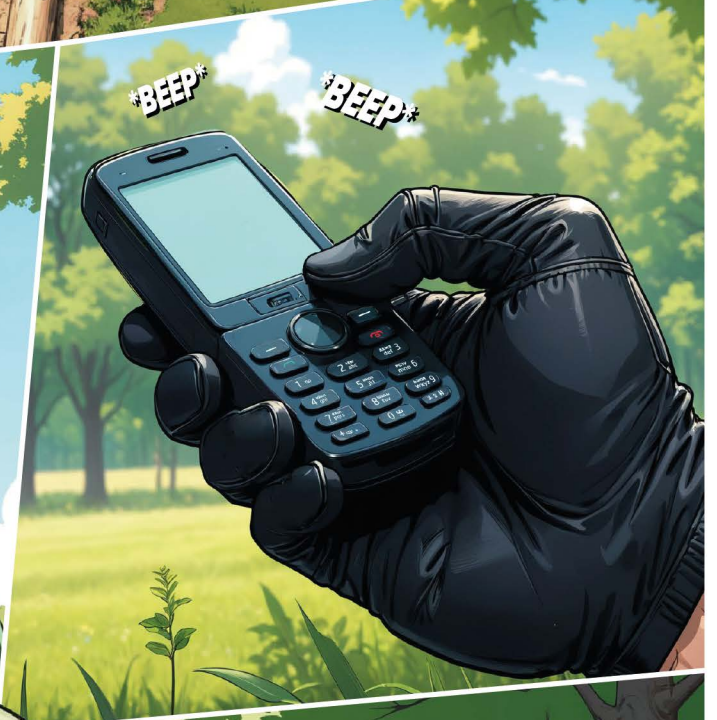
**That drone  
has an owner. And we  
need to find him,  
men.**



**Right.  
We must stop him  
before he causes even  
more destruction...**



SOME TIME LATER.  
UKRAINIAN POSITIONS



Hey,  
I've got news. Jack and  
his guys are leaving for  
rotation today.

He's expecting  
to receive an award for his  
'Dragon.' He won't be at our  
positions—so don't bomb  
them!

They'll be  
heading west through  
the fields around  
midnight.





**We've received  
intelligence on the  
rotation of a Ukrainian  
commander — Jack.**

**Someone  
in reconnaissance  
wanted to settle a score  
with him?**

**Yes, sir!  
The Bogatyr group.**

**Send them.  
They can test our new  
equipment on enemy  
armor as well.**

**Did you get it?**

**Got it!**





SOMEWHERE NEAR UKRAINSK

**Alright, men,  
shall we go hunting  
for the master of the  
fire-breathing beast?**

**You're asking?**


**With  
an opportunity like  
this, we can't pass  
it up!**

**They're moving  
out at midnight –  
we'll be waiting for  
them ahead of time...**

**We'll  
set an ambush here  
and here...**



SAME NIGHT



**I see  
the target, they're  
approaching. We'll stop  
them, and you finish  
the job.**

**Copy that,  
Bogatyr! Engaging!**

**They'll reward me!  
Pay me a fortune! Enough  
to party and build a whole  
fleet of dragons for those  
Russians!**









**And there goes the  
dragon tamer...**

**As they say—  
whoever comes to us  
with fire will perish  
by fire!**

THE WAR FORCES THE ENEMY TO INVENT NEW TYPES OF WEAPONRY. HOWEVER, INEVITABLE RETRIBUTION SOON FINDS THE CREATORS OF THESE "INNOVATIONS."

MEANWHILE, THE RUSSIAN MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX CONTINUES SUPPLYING THE TROOPS WITH EQUIPMENT — BOTH NEW AND UPGRADED, TAILORED TO THE SPECIFICS OF THE BATTLEFIELD.



# IN THE NEXT ISSUE: ONCE UPON A TIME ON THE WAY HOME



COMING IN APRIL

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the complicated  
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NOT FOR SALE

